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Applicant : Werner, et al.
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For : SURFACE ASSEMBLY FOR
IMMOBILIZING DNA
CAPTURE PROBES AND
BEAD-BASED ASSAY
INCLUDING OPTICAL BIO-
DISCS AND METHODS
RELATING THERETO

Examiner : B. J. Forman
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2003 for the above-referenced patent application. The time to respond has been extended by the payment of an extension fee filed herewith. Applicants thank the Examiner for her review of the application and the helpful comments made therein. Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWING

Please replace corrected Figure 23, submitted on June 3, 2002, with the attached substitute drawing of Figure 23.